



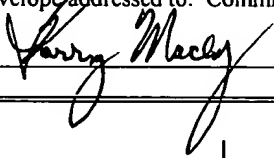
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Attorney Docket No.: CSI-2016CP1

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In re Application of:

Ainsworth, et al.

Serial No.: 09/847,947

Filing Date: May 2, 2001

Title: SELF-CLOSING SURGICAL CLIP
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Examiner: R. Lindsey

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated June 24, 2003, finally rejecting claims 2-6, 8-12, 14, 17-19, 22-26, 28-33 and 37-39.

I. Notice of Appeal fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b)):

- ☐ The fee for the notice of appeal is enclosed by check in the amount of \$*.
- ☐ The Appeal Fee is not required.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Appeal Fee of \$160.00 and any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this Notice of Appeal, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1947 referencing Attorney Docket No. CSI-2016CP1. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

II. Small Entity Status under (37 C.F.R. § 1.27):

☒ Small entity status is claimed.

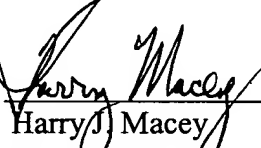
III. Extension of Time:

☒ A petition for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 24, 2003

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